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Janie- Are you the right POC for pulling this daily statement together?

Our news is really whatever is news in Durango, so here's what we gathered from the SITREP...

EPA Region 8 currently has 86 staff and contractors working on the response in Colorado. Note to JIC: Probably best to combine the resources and give a total for Area Command rather than list out each region's resources in the update).

The EPA is conducting private well water sampling as needed and calling those residents sampled to provide the analytical results. Based on the sample results reported as of 8/17/2015, seven out of 105 private wells sampled had some exceedance of drinking water standards. These samples were taken from the well head and not the tap. It is unclear if the exceedances were caused by the mine release. Follow up work at the wells that exceeding drinking water standards include: flushing the well; resampling at the well; and taking an additional tap water sample for analysis.

Most recent discharge flow rate at the mine site was at 544 gallons per minute (gpm).

The CDPHE plans to demobilize on 8/19/2015 and will return to the normally scheduled watershed sampling in the area.

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